GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have agreed to solve the migrants` issue on the basis of their 1992 communique;

(b) if so, whether the Dhaka has since owned up existence of large number of its citizens on Indian soil;

(c) whether the Government have been able to provide documentary evidence to Bangladesh on the extent of illegal immigration from Bangladesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Bangladesh Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): Yes Sir. During the Bangladesh Prime Minister`s visit to India in May 1992 , the matter was raised with the Bangladesh side and a Joint Communique was issued on the occasion expressing the determination of the two sides to stop illegal movement of people across the border by all possible means including the strengthening of existing arrangements and mutual co-operation in this regard.

(b): Bangladesh Government has taken the position that there are no illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in India.

(c), (d) & (e): Generally illegal immigrants do not possess travel documents. However, when available evidence on illegal Bangladeshi nationals in India has been shared, the Government of Bangladesh has taken back its nationals, after due verification of their nationality.